

State Advisory Committee (SAC) For the Education of Children with Disabilities

Advising the NH Department of Education per RSA 186-C:3-b

NHDOE, Room 15

4:30pm – 7:00pm

October 5, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Attended: SAC Members

Maureen Tracey (Chair), Bonnie Dunham (Vice-chair), Violetta Lortie, Rep. Jack Balcom, Maureen Shields, Lisa Hatz, Janet Reed, Mike Pinard, Lynda Thistle-Elliott, Janet Reed, Jason Henry, Donna Curtin, Eileen Mullen-Kennedy, Maureen Shields, Jacqueline Kelleher, Audrey Burke, McKenzie Burke, Heather Worthen, Ann Davis,

Absent: Heidi Cloutier, Naomi Schoenfeld, Karen Rosenberg, Jean Parsons, Representative Mary Sullivan Heath, Kerri-Lynn Kimner, Michelle Rosado, Kestrel Cole-McCrea, Candace Cole-McCrea - sabbatical until December Mary Ellen Pantazis, Patrick Curtin, Jack Curtin, Tom Grinley, Denise Maher, -not on SAC anymore Sue Marcotte-Jenkins,-resigned, Lisa Beaudoin

Guest(s): Le'Ann Millender- The Institute of Professional Practice, Inc.
Kevin Cushing-Volunteer Parent Information Center, Meg Trainor
Santina Thibedeau, Director Bureau of Special Education

Welcome, Introductions of SAC Members & Guests

Maureen began the meeting and had a power point presentation agenda type she went through throughout the meeting.

Nominations: SAC nominee are Invited to a SAC meeting, after attending the meeting if the individual is interested in becoming a member, a nomination is made by SAC Members

Meg Trainor from Amherst School District, Amherst, New Hampshire introduced herself as the Special Education Teacher there and is interested in becoming a SAC member for two years as a Special Education Teacher Representative.

Bonnie Dunham made a motion to nominate Meg Trainor to the State Advisory Committee in the role of Special Education Teacher Representative. Jason Henry seconded the nomination. All in favor none opposed.

Kim Carter from Q.E.D.Foundation introduced herself as the Executive Director there and is interested in becoming a SAC member for two years as a Public Charter School Representative.

Le'Ann gave her background and would like to be nominated for sac she will be back next month

Jason Henry made a motion to nominate Kim Carter to the State Advisory Committee in the role of Public Charter School. Bonnie Dunham seconded the nomination. All in favor none opposed.

Approval of Minutes

September minutes- Lisa Hatz states there is really 3 staff not 7 being hired.

- Approval of Sept 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes
 - Jacqueline Kelleher made the motion to approve the minutes; Jason Henry seconded. 12 approved 2 abstentions. Motion approved.
- Santina and Bonnie are on the Commission to Study Issues Relating to Students Receiving Special Education Services While Attending a Chartered Public School, and Bonnie is the clerk of the Commission.

Public Comment & Announcements

October is NH Parent Involvement Month. On October 6th Bonnie Dunham was recognized with Senator Nancy Stiles for the advocacy work Bonnie has done throughout Senator Stiles Career. The NH State Board of Education was nominated for going above and beyond to ensure family member can participate in the process.

Mary Lane and Penny Duffy of the Bureau of Special Education were also recognized at the award ceremony. Mary was recognized for her work with Family Engagement as an Educational Consultant. Penny was recognized as a parent.

Legislative Updates – Bonnie brought NH Bills that May Affect Education, Special Education, Persons with Disabilities &/or Families which was update 10/4/16 (up to LSR # 2017-0129) and she also brought the handout of the Input from the June 16, 2016 Public Hearing on the Initial Proposal for Ed 1100 from the State Advisory Committee on the Education of Children with Disabilities to hand out. Santina Thibedeau and Bonnie Dunham are on the Commission for Charter School

Voc Rehab Update ~ Lisa Hatz –Progress to Date: General Project Coordination Handout for each to review. She spoke about IMPACCT Pre-employment Transition Services. 5 services being delivered to students through 2 different modalities: (1) IMPACCT Academy, at community college campuses' (2) IMPACCT Workshops, in school and community sites. She spoke about the Employment Leadership Awards, being held at the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, NH on October 13, 2016. She sent an invite to everyone to attend.

Update from the Bureau of Special Education ~ Santina had a PowerPoint presentation and handout about Pingora, The Program Approval & Monitoring System 2015 Program Evaluation and Quality Assurance Review. Santina and Lisa are involved with this. The Fiscal Impact was roughly \$100,000 and the survey that went out that only 69 people responded to and whether it would be worth the time, effort and money to continue for the report.

Old Business: - By-laws were approved, Update Membership and Legislative List

New Business Emerging Issues, Announcements, Current Events,

- Bonnie created an Orientation Packet to be handed out to everyone and any new members joining.

Bonnie made a motion to recommend to the Commissioner to remove Home School member from RSA 186 3B? Maureen seconded the motion. 10 approved none opposed.

Kim Carter spoke about Robert Brooks Motivation Mind Set, and other exciting opportunities coming up at the NHASCD conference series and Learning Differences, a free course online <https://place.fi.ncsu.edu/local/catalog/course.php?id=2&ref=1> go to this link to review.

Maureen would like trainings for case managers for how to handle children most think it's covered by lawyers in the school system. Bonnie states it isn't a SAC charge.

Maureen to give suggestion for priorities either a priority or a presentation

State Performance Plan-Santina

Presentation from the Office of Student Wellness

ESEA-Understand the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

SAC needs another Parent or two for its membership

Professional Development

7:10_pm _Jason Henry made a motion to adjourn, _Jacqueline Kelleher_ seconded. All in agreement. Motion passes.

Next meeting ~ Wednesday, November 2, 2016 4:30pm-7:00pm ~ NHDOE, Room 15